Warren County and Town of Queensbury MS4 Program Information

Illicit Discharge Education: Page 57 Section E MS4 Permit No. GP-0-24-001

I. What types of discharges are allowable (Part I.A.3.)

"Non-*stormwater discharges* through outfalls listed in Part 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR) 750-1.2(a)(29)(vi) and 40 CFR 122.34(b)(3)(ii), are authorized by this *SPDES* general permit provided they do not violate Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Section 17-0501. If the *Department* or *MS4 Operator* determines that one or more of the *discharges* are in violation of ECL Section 17-0501, the identified *discharges* are illicit and the *MS4 Operator* must eliminate such *discharges* by following the *illicit discharge* MCM requirements found in Part VI.C. or Part VII.C, depending on the *MS4 Operator* type.
Discharges from firefighting activities are authorized only when the firefighting activities are emergencies/unplanned." (MS4 Permit No. GP-0-24-001)

"The following *discharges* from *MS4 Operators* are exempt from the requirements of this *SPDES* general permit:
a. *Stormwater discharges* associated with an *industrial activity* provided the *discharges* are covered by the SPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, GP-0-23-001 (MSGP); and
b. Individual *SPDES* permitted *stormwater discharges* provided the *discharges* are in compliance with their individual *SPDES* permit limitations." (MS4 Permit No. GP-0-24-001)

Non-stormwater discharges are defined in the MS4 General Permit (GP-0-24-001) Part I.A.3 and include:

- Water line flushing
- Landscape irrigation
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising ground water
- Uncontaminated groundwater infiltratio
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- Discharges from potable water sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensate
- Water from crawl space and basement sump pumps
- Footer drains
- Lawn and landscape watering runoff provided tha all pesticides and fertilizers have been applied in accordance with the manufacturer's product label
- Water from individual residential car washing
- De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Residual street wash water
- Discharges or flows from fire fighting activities

- Irrigation water
- Springs
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlanc
- De-chlorinated water reservoir discharges
- Any SPDES permitted discharge

II. What is an illicit discharge and why is it prohibited (Part VII.C.)

"Illicit Discharge – any *discharge* into an *MS4* that is not entirely composed of *stormwater*, except those identified in Part I.A.3. Examples of *illicit discharges* are non-permitted sanitary sewage, garage drain effluent, and waste motor oil. However, an *illicit discharge* could be any other non-permitted discharge which the *MS4 Operator* or *Department* has determined to be a substantial contributor of pollutants to the *MS4*. *Illicit discharges* can occur throughout the *MS4*, including at post-construction *SMPs*." (MS4 Permit No. GP-0-24-001)

"The following *discharges* from *MS4 Operators* are not authorized by this *SPDES* general permit:
a. *Stormwater discharges* that may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species, or its designated critical habitat, unless the *MS4 Operator* has obtained a permit issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 182 or the *Department* has issued a letter of non-jurisdiction.
b. *Stormwater discharges* which adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places unless the covered entity is in compliance with requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and has coordinated with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office any activities necessary to avoid or minimize impacts.
c. *Stormwater discharges*, the permitting of which is prohibited under 40 CFR 122.4 and 6 NYCRR 750-1.3.
d. The *discharge* of vehicle and equipment washwater from *municipal facilities*, including tank cleaning operations." (MS4 Permit No. GP-0-24-001)

III. The environmental hazards associated with illicit discharge and improper disposal of waste.

- NYSDOT Illicit Stormwater Discharge Information https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Illicit-Discharge-brochure_0.pdf.pdf
- Illicit discharge information https://warrenswcd.org/residents/

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IV. Proper handling and disposal practices for the most common behaviors within the community (e.g., septic care, car washing, household hazardous waste, swimming pool draining, or other activities resulting in illicit discharge to the MS4)

- Report an illicit discharge https://warrenswcd.org/municipal-separate-storm-sewer-system-ms4/
- NYSDOT Illicit Stormwater Discharge Information https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Illicit-Discharge-brochure_0.pdf.pdf
- Illicit discharge information https://warrenswcd.org/residents/
- Fertilizer https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Lawn-Fertilizer-poster.pdf
- Pet waste https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Pet-waste-poster.pdf
- "Septic Smart EPA" https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/septic-mailer.pdf
- Septic Information https://warrenswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/failingseptic.pdf
- MS4 Residential information https://warrenswcd.org/public-outreach-and-development/
- "Illicit Discharge Detention and Elimination: A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments" https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/idde_manualwithappendices.pdf
- IDDE Fact Sheet from WarrenSWCD Ohio https://www.warrenswcd.com/uploads/7/2/5/9/72597023/idde_factsheet.pdf
- How to properly drain a swimming pool from WarrenSWCD Ohio https://www.warrenswcd.com/uploads/7/2/5/9/72597023/stormwater_bmps_swimming_pool_maintenance.pdf

V. How to report illicit discharges they may observe (Part VIII.C.a.)

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